Duty free import of foodgrain items

*150. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently allowed private traders to import duty free foodgrain items and if so, the details thereof, including the names of the traders and the country from which these items are being imported; and

(b) whether Government have formulated any guidelines for the sale of these items in the market by them and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. pulses which were freely importable are now allowed duty free from 8th June, 2006. The quantum and source of imports are yet to be compiled.

(b) No guidelines need to be formulated as pulses have been freely importable by the private traders.

Legislation for occupational safety and health

*151. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is as yet no comprehensive national legislation pertaining to occupational safety and health; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring any Bill before the Parliament in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At present there is no comprehensive National Legislation pertaining to Occupational Safety and Health. A draft Legislation on Occupational Safety and Health has been prepared by Government.

Policy to deal with terrorism

*152. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any policy to deal with terrorism in the country;